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GO SERV "SPOTLIGHT" HONORS COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

Community Beautification Program Honored for Tribute to Cesar Chavez Day

SACRAMENTO - The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) is featuring the Community Beautification Program, a Southern California program that received funding from GO SERV for their Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning project.

"Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning is the perfect opportunity for people, who normally do not have time to volunteer, to get out there and try to improve their community," Executive Director of GO SERV, Chuck Supple said. "This program is a shining example of all of the programs throughout the state where people can get involved and make a difference."

The Community Beautification Program is a partnership between the Los Angeles Conservation Corp, United Farm Workers of America, the Offices of Supervisor Gloria Molina and Senator Gloria Romero, St. Alphonsus School, 4th Street Elementary School, and Junior Statesman of America—Garfield High School Chapter. The Program engaged 500 K-6 students in various community projects. Focused on educating the students about Cesar Chavez and his values.

A one-day celebration was held on April 1st at Hollenbeck Middle School in East Los Angeles. The event gave students the opportunity to join guests like Governor Gray Davis, local elected officials, and members of the Chavez family, to honor the life and legacy of Cesar E. Chavez through beautification projects, presentations, and art projects.

Governor Davis and Paul Chavez, son of Cesar Chavez, planted a tree together as a way to commemorate the day.

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